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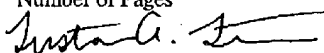
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AMENDMENT IN U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 09/818,823, IN CONSEQUENCE OF NON-
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Sir:

Enclosed and resubmitted herewith is a copy of the "Response to August 27, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,823," as fax-filed in the USPTO on September 3, 2004 by transmission to USPTO Central Facsimile number (703) 872-9306.

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Although the Response was indicated by the Transmission Report generated by the undersigned attorney's fax machine as having been fully transmitted (see copy of Transmission Report enclosed herewith), and although a check with the USPTO customer service representative on September 3, 2004 confirmed that the Response had in fact been received at the Central Facsimile office on September 3, 2004, no Auto-Reply confirming such filing was sent by the PTO to the undersigned attorney.

The Response is therefore being resubmitted herewith, to secure an Auto-Reply communication from the USPTO, confirming such filing. It is requested that the USPTO personnel charged with the responsibility of ensuring Auto-Reply communications initiate a systems check to determine the reason for the failure of the PTO Auto-Reply function on September 3, 2004, so that there is a non-recurrence of such failure by the PTO.

Respectfully submitted,



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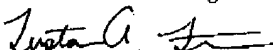
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Sir:

Responsive to the August 27, 2004 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment in the subject patent application, enclosed and submitted herewith are the following:

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- (1) the compliant claims as set out in **Section I (Amendments of the Claims)** hereof;
and
- (2) a copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated August 27, 2004,
regarding the amendment document filed on August 11, 2004 (see **Appendix A**).